



Minutes General CVTC Meeting March 20, 2014

La Crescenta Library Community Room

1. 7:09 pm: Call to Order & Welcome by President Battles
2. Flag Salute by VP Harry Leon
3. Invocation by The Y of the Foothills Mark Yeagar
4. Roll Call Recording Secretary Claessens; absent: Suh, Studebaker, 10 present

5. Approval of Agenda for March 20, 2014
Beatty first, Claessens second: Passed

6. Approval of Minutes from February 20, 2014
Beatty first, Erickson second: passed

7. CV Youth Town Council Council by President Battles

8. Congressional Badge of Bravery Presentation by Congressman Schiff
Congratulatory Letter, Senator Boxer's Senior Field Representative by Rafi Nazarians
Deputy Ty Plunkett

9. Bob Thompson Santa Monica Rim of the Valley Conservancy report - new trails in
Pasadena, wildlife crossings near the 101 fwy

10. Congressman Schiff Federal Report brief Q & A by Congressman Schiff
focusing on expanding open area in our area either by expanding existing park or creating a
new park, Rim of the Valley and Santa Monica Conservancy
chain CPI (social security cost of living): against it
Helicopter noise issue: what groups are you working with to find the balance?
answer: FAA, press, tour operators, emergency providers, law enforcement. Sometimes
law enforcement will cut over neighborhoods in order to save fuel costs rather than adhere
to flight paths
public question: Big pile of dirt near Duekmajian park
public question: Stance on reorganization of the postal service?

11. CVTC Youth Council - Johanna Fannon - College Prep

12. First Responder reports (Brief 3-4 minutes)
 - CV Sheriff- Deputy George Valdivia; 3 burglaries (down from 13), larceny theft 6

(down from 35), GTA 4 (last year 2), vandalism 7 (last year 5), narcotics 6, (last year 9). Vandalism is from high school and half of larceny thefts were from high school

- CHP- Officer Manny Rodriguez: Traffic collision 6, citations 27, DUI 0, total fatalities 0.
 - Start Smart Driving Safety class Friday, April 18, 2014 at 6 pm. at CHP Altadena office 2130 N. Windsor Avenue. Free

13. Superintendent Dr. Richard Sheehan (There will be a 10 – 15 minute Q & A following his presentation)

- a. 30 schools, 2500 employees, budget \$395 Million, 26084 students on the decline - lost 6,000 students in the last 10 years.
- b. 9 National blue ribbon schools, 25 California Distinguished schools
- c. Townhall meeting Tuesday, March 25th at CVHS 7-8:30 pm
- d. public question: drop of enrollment regarding Sagebrush. Make Mountain Ave a magnet school. LCD doesn't have room for the kids to go to their schools.
- e. public comment: how does parcel tax/bond issue affect Sagebrush issue? July 1, 2015 would be the date of the transfer
- f. public comments: AP stats for all of GUSD? answer: No just CV and Clark numbers. Hoover actually has the most AP exams.
- g. public comments: concern about school calendar: answer: just approved the calendar for 3 years. Reason for early start is AP exams
- h. public comments: What happened to Vocational Schools? answer: Measure S we are bringing back Auto Shop at Hoover HS
- i. Woodshop? answer: we are having trouble finding a teacher for woodshop
- j. GUSD doesn't offer adult education - that is the responsibility of GCC
- k. Common Core there will be no API scores for the next 2 years. answer: ability to reinvent the school system because of API and new spending model. Schools shouldn't look the same as 100 years ago. Looking into using video conferencing for one teacher to teach at multiple schools. In addition have students at different school sites working collaboratively via teleconferencing.
- l. 2022 GUSD will be fully funded to where we were in 2007/2008. Highest funding level 2007/2008. CA is 48th to 50th in the nation in funding.
- m. Partnering with industry and sciences to move forward: Hour of Code, Stanford CodeHS.com

14. Public Comments and Community Announcements

15. Please submit a speaker card to the President or Vice President. Each speaker is allowed 1 minute. Council may ask questions or respond to the speaker but there will be no debate or decision. The President may refer the matter to the appropriate committee for investigation and report.

- i. Mary O'Keefe Prom Plus & Fire House
- ii. Desiree Rabinov, Residential Street Light Petition; Los Amigos bordered by Rosemont and Briggs for a cost of \$5/per resident.

- iii. Vartan Gharpetian Running for Glendale City Council Candidate Forum
May 1st at Library

16. Council Business

- a. Correspondence by Corresponding Secretary Davis - the county said no to keeping the library open on Sundays
- b. Feb. Treasurer Reports by Treasurer Erickson; Cheryl 1st, Beyt 2nd: Passed
- c. 2014 Budget by Treasurer Erickson; Beyt 1st, Krist 2nd, Passed

- d. Land Use 2014 Committee Slate by Corresponding Secretary Davis (see below)
Robert and Mike have been asked to recuse themselves from the discussion and vote. Mike is good with recusing himself. Motion of LUC, 2nd by Dickson
Motion to table the discussion until April EC; 2nd Beatty; in favor of tabling 3, 6
opposed.

Robbyn requesting to have good conversation and established rules for LUC to report back to Town Council. Cheryl states that LUC will always report back to TC and LUC meetings are open to LUC.

Motion on the table to approve the proposed slate of LUC; 6 approved - passed
CV Chamber has approached CVTC regarding too banners. They asked that CVTC put some materials together to give to the businesses. County Planning is still working on the CSD and they will be coming back to CVTC soon.

- e. ~~Arbor Day Committee Proposal by Councilmember Beatty~~ Tabling until next months
- f. Scholarship by VP Leon - writing a letter to Superintendent to donate to the scholarship fund. All in favor - passed
- g. Prayer Breakfast by VP Leon, Tuesday, May 6th at Baptist church \$10/admission.
6:30 am
- h. By Law Changes by Councilmember Erickson
"Article VI Committees & Appointed Positions

B Special Committees

Special Committees will be designated by majority vote of the regular council members from time to time to address special purposes concerning the Council, and will terminate upon completion of that special purpose. The President shall appoint each committee chair subject to majority approval by all the regular members of the Council. These committees may include, but are not limited to: Land Use, By laws, streets and Roadways, public safety, youths and seniors, Arbor Day, scholarship and Crescenta Commons."

We suggest dropping planning and review (which is now land use), Foothill design (CSD under land use), multi family(CSD under land use), library (was to build the library) and historical society (their own 501C3)

Reports from Council

Direct link to see information regarding new projects in unincorporated LA.

Announcements

- **3/26 Smart-a-thon** Verdugo Hills Hospital
- **3/29 American Legion & VFW Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day 8:00 am** at the Memorial on Oceanview & Honolulu
- **4/1 Identity Theft and how to protect yourself, presented by Glendale PD Fraud Division** hosted at CV Armenian Community Youth Center 2633 Honolulu Avenue 7:00-9:00 pm
- **4/5 Run to Remember 5k** sponsored by the American Legion CV Park 7:00 am
- **4/5 Hometown Country Fair** CV Park 10:00 am -5:00 pm
- **4/10 Crescenta Valley Town Council's Land Use Committee** is at 6:30 PM on the 2nd Thursday of each month in the La Crescenta Library's Community Room
- **4/10 The CV Alliance presents Underage Drinking and how it relates to you.** Crescenta Valley High School's Library **7:00 pm**
- **4/12 La Crescenta Off-ramp clean up** meet at the corner of Altura and La Crescenta at 8:30-9:15 AM
- **4/12 Foothills relay for Life at Clark Magnet School** Make sure you come to see our Luminaria Ceremony at 9PM on Saturday, April 12.
- **4/17 CV Town Council General meeting , Guest Assemblyman Mike Gatto 7:00 pm**

Committee Reports from Council:

President: Council has been offered a monthly column in the CV weekly. The column will appear the second week of every month starting in April. Crescenta Commons broke ground on the corner of Rosemont and Orange Ave.

Youth:

CV Youth Town Council hosted a successful event "My Lost Little girl. New events will be coming soon.

Land Use: Proposed Committee for Council Approval

Chair Cheryl Davis and co-chairs Frank Beyt & Ines Chessum, recommended 2014-2015 Land Use Committee: **Claessens, Mike** - Current CVTC member, attorney, former Chief Building Mechanical Inspector with the LA Dept. of Building Safety and former Managing Senior Assistant City Attorney for the LA City Attorney's Office handling land-use, building construction & zoning related cases.

Hales, Kendall - General Contractor for 24 years and developed over 75 homes & a few apartment buildings in La Crescenta

Englund, Nicole – Current Planning Deputy to LA County Supervisor Gloria Molina and prior to that, worked for the County Planning Dept. for five years.

Ordubegian, Aram - Attorney and current VP of the CV Chamber (on the Chamber's Board since 2006).

First Alternate: Paul Rabinov - Former real estate broker, helped establish CV Clean & Green

and the updated bike master plan for La Crescenta-Montrose. Former Board member for the Arroyo Foothills Conservancy and assisted with the acquisition of the Rosemont Preserve in addition to serving as the former CV and Altadena Town Councils' representative to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.

Second Alternate: James Bodnar - Senior water resource engineer for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern CA. He has served on the CV Water District Board of Directors since 2009 and is currently the President. He has a Bachelor's degree in Engineering and a Master's degree in Civil Engineering. He is also a licensed professional civil engineer.

Prayer Breakfast:

May 6th La Crescenta Baptist, more details to follow.

Streets and Roads:

Rosemont crossing guard will remain. LA County unincorporated now has allowed all Middle Schools within unincorporated to have a crossing guard.

Additional markings and signage will be coming to the intersection of Montrose and Orangedale/Del Mar.

9:48 pm: **Adjournment. In memory of Officer Nicholas Choung Lee a 16 year veteran for the LAPD and resident of La Crescenta and Darrel "Skip" Remsberg.**

Special Meeting. Immediately after adjournment.

9:49 pm: Crescenta Commons

The project has become overwhelming for the Eagle Scout.

Motion: That CVTC be the lead organization in for the Crescenta Commons project allowing the first phase of the project to remain the responsibility of the scout Rhys Teff in order for him to earn his Eagle Scout Badge. by Battles

second, Beatty. Approved

CVTC will be responsible for more planting, more paths, and the monument

Danette: can she pay a bill in regards to Crescenta Commons. OK Trophy needs to bill CVTC directly. Monies should no longer go to Marti. Vendors need to bill CVTC directly.

Special Meeting Adjourned: 9:55 pm